

REMARKS

Claims 22-28 and 43-69 are canceled; leaving claims 1-21 and 29-42 pending in the application.

In response to the Examiner's request for election of a species, applicant hereby elects the species identified by the Examiner as the "first" species (i.e., the species that the Examiner identifies as being recited in claims 1, 10 and 29). Applicant notes, however, that the Examiner has provided no indication as to the subject matter that delineates the "first" species from a "second" species that the Examiner identifies as being recited in claims 22 and 43. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's request for election of a species is deficient in failing to identify the subject matter that delineates one species from another, and respectfully requests that the Examiner provide an indication of such subject matter in the Examiner's next action. The Examiner's failure to identify subject matter delineating one identified species from another has precluded Applicant from making an independent determination as to whether there is a generic claim in the application.

In spite of the deficiency of the Examiner's request for election of a species, applicant hereby elects to prosecute the identified "first" species, and is canceling all claims directed toward the identified "second" species from the application.

The Examiner indicates in the "Disposition of Claims" section that claims 58-69 are withdrawn from consideration. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 58-69 were canceled from the application in applicant's response filed June 3, 2005, and thus were not "withdrawn" at the time of the Examiner's mailing of the August 23, 2005 Office Action. Rather such claims were simply not pending in the application. The Examiner also

indicates in the "Disposition of Claims" section that claims 1-60 were pending in the application, which is a typo since only claims 1-57 were pending due to applicant's previous cancellation of claims 58-69.

Respectfully submitted,

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